

### Update on IBYC II by Br. Edward Englund, O.S.B.

1. Globalisation can & does take many forms. It can be both a benefit for everyone or can be the destructive force within society.

2. One of the major positive factors of globalization is the establishing of face-to-face communities – students knowing one another. Their common background-experienced is their shared Benedictine vision of education.

3. What else would you expect for a theme of the youth Congress in California but "Surfin' O.S.B." The logo – the raven – established at FIBYC – on a surf board with the back of the scapular in the wind.

4. Attendance was limited by the local government to no more than 200 participants. There were 134 students and 30 adults. They represented seven countries – Germany, Philippine, Korea, England, U.S.A, Chile & Brasil. There were 20 different schools.

5. The official language was English but in reality everything was said in German, Korean & English

#### Activities

1. Workshops with topics for discussion: Lectio, Prayer, Peace, Human Sexuality, Substance Abuse, Dealing with Difficult Parent.

2. Liturgy of Hours was celebrated by various schools in a variety of traditions and cultures and languages expressing both unity and diversity of the Church.

3. Daily Eucharist with the Monastic Community was optional for participants. However, it was celebrated in German, Korean, Spanish and English with a school from each of those countries taking responsibility for the celebration. Again high lighten the unity with diversity. At both Liturgy of Hours and Eucharist the Our Father was said in every language.

#### 4. Outings -

A – unique to California – the missions

B – an afternoon at a family / youth beach city amusement park.

C – selected sights along the California Coast line.

5. Food – A variety of typically California + USA meals

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6. Closing liturgy – Song, dance, celebration and passing on to TIBYC.